

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

A minor typographical error has been corrected in paragraph [72]. The term “get” has been replaced with the word “gel.” No new matter has been added. Claims 1-31 are pending.

In response to the original restriction requirement, applicants elect the invention of Group IV, claims 24-30.

The Office Action requires restriction between what are asserted to be five (5) separate and distinct inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-11 to a method for producing a glyoxalated polyacryamide;

Group II – Claims 12-17 to a related method for producing a glyoxalated polyacryamide;

Group III – Claim 18-23 to the glyoxalated polyacryamide made by the Group I method;

Group IV – Claims 24-30 to the glyoxalated polyacryamide made by the Group II method; and

Group V – Claim 31 a paper product made using the the glyoxalated polyacryamides of Groups III and IV.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect the invention of Group VI, claims 24-30, with traverse.

Applicants submit that the method of group II is so closely related to the product of Group IV that these claims should be examined together. By practicing the method of Group II, one inherently produces the product of Group IV.

As for the species which the Office Action requires an election, applicants identify an acrylamide-DADMAC base polymer made in the presence of N,N'-methylene bisacrylamide that is glyoxalated, acid quenched, provided with additional free glyoxal and an aldehyde scavenger

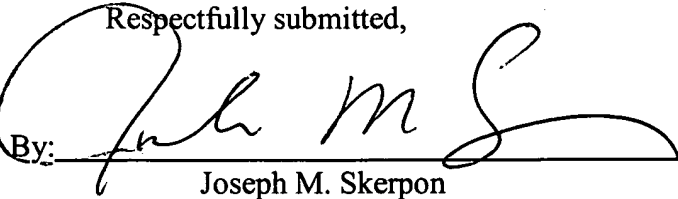
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of a choline chloride-acrylamide adduct.

All of the pending claims potentially read on this species.

Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims.

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